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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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TONER CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE
SAME

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 77 including:
 - a. 23 pages of claims (1-138)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 30 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-36)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (4 total pages)
 - a. Newly executed (original)
 - b. Unexecuted
 - c. X Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. X Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. X Power of Attorney
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10. X Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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11. X A Preliminary Amendment
12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
13. ____ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27
14. X If a Continuing Application, *check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:*
 X Continuation of prior application No.: 10/692,547 filed October 24, 2003.
 ____ Divisional of prior application No.: _____ filed _____
 ____ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____ filed _____
15. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation, of U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547 filed October 24, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674 filed December 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,678,492.--
16. X Priority of applications Nos. 10-365108, 11-80577 and 11-108464 filed in Japan on December 22, 1998, March 24, 1999 and April 15, 1999. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 ____ A certified copy of priority application Nos. _____ will be submitted in due course.
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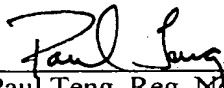
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